



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 1, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, May 1st

9:30 a.m. — Maria & Inacio deSousa (Family)
 Leroy Lovell (Lucy Quirk)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish
 Frances Bentivegna (M/M J. Herchenroder)

Monday, May 2nd

9:00 a.m. — Ron DellaCroce
 John Ross

Tuesday, May 3rd

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Louise & Joe Ferrara)

Wednesday, May 4th

9:00 a.m. — Doris Fessta (Annette Wolz)

Thursday, May 5th

9:00 a.m. — Dominador Samson (Aida & Scott)
 David & Kathleen Worrell

Saturday, May 7th

5:30 p.m. — Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8th

9:30 a.m. — Mother's Day
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

for we walk by faith, not by sight.
2Cor. 5:7

Rest
 in
 Peace  Mary Ellen Belford



Time, Talent & Treasure
Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,606
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,489
Thank You!

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM
 Sundays: 9:30, 11:30 AM
 Weekdays: Mon—Thurs 9:00 AM

We celebrate PENANCE

Saturdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Regular Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7:30 pm; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY
Every Thursday 7:00PM - 8:30PM
in the Parish Center
All 6th - 8th & 9th - 12th graders are Welcome
 P.S. Mask required for everyone inside the building
 For more information please contact Renata Tutka-Ptak at 631-585-8760 ext. 105 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com

Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website www.abvmcentereach.com or call the office at 631-585-8760 during regular office hours.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (Court St. Gerard)

First Thursday of the month: Sept - June at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Contact Alexandria McMahon at tacjs43@aol.com.

Catholic War Veterans

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

Holy Name Society

Usually the second Monday of the month: Sept - May at 7:30 PM in the parish center. Contact Sal Stingo at rtbhuntington@yahoo.com or Anita Wolf at hwolf96@aol.com.

Rosary Altar Society

A service-based women's organization that cares for the Church and promotes the spiritual life of its members. Contact the rectory for meeting dates and times.

Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)

Contact Denise Materazo at dmfl121@yahoo.com for more details..

Good News Reflection

The nature of our calling

Whenever I read this Sunday's Gospel story, I have to wonder, how did Jesus catch the fish he was barbecuing when the disciples came ashore? Did he have a net, too? Did he buy it in town with the bread? If so, didn't anyone recognize him? Or maybe the fish just jumped out of the water onto the fire! And maybe he turned stone into bread, like Satan had once tempted him to do.



Reflect back upon the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. Same foods: bread and fish. Same miracle! It does not matter how little we have or even whether we have anything at all. God the Creator has an infinite supply and is able to produce an abundance of everything. It's never based on what we have; it's always based on the love he has for us.

What he wants from us is the willingness to do the work of sharing what God provides. In the miracle of feeding the crowd, the disciples were asked to distribute the multiplied food. In the miracle of the huge catch of fish, the disciples were asked to "bring some of the fish you caught" and add it to the meal that Jesus was already cooking.

Afterward, Peter was asked to share the love he had for Jesus with the "sheep". From where does love come? Peter didn't love anybody by his own efforts; none of us do. Peter was created with God's love already in him, as we all were, for we were made in the image of God who is love.

Peter's calling was to share the abundance of God's love, so that the kingdom of God could continue to spread throughout the earth. What is God asking you to do? The answer does not lie in what you have, but in what you are willing to do with what God already has.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What work for the kingdom of God (the parish, a friend, a community program) have you felt a desire to do but haven't yet done because your net feels empty? Assume that Jesus is asking you to do it; what action can you take this week that will toss your net over the other side of the boat?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Are you doing everything you feel called by God to do? Share with your community a frustrated calling, i.e., an unsuccessful or un-begun vocation. What does God have that you don't have that could turn the dream into reality? Exchange ideas on how to avail yourself of God's abundance.



New

The Power of Resurrection make eveything NEW.

Week Three – New Spirit - Scripture: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The resurrection gives us a new spirit. We no longer have to have a spirit of fear but can have a spirit of courage and bravery. In this message we will look at the story of Peter and the change in him. He went from having a spirit of fear to a spirit of courage and love for God. Ultimately, we are always choosing between a spirit of fear or a spirit of love.



Nocturnal Adoration

Come and be in the presence of the Lord who is present in the Holy Eucharist. Silent Adoration, readings and benediction.

**First Friday of the month at 1:00—2:00 PM
In the church.**

Next Adoration is on Friday, May 6

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 25 - JULY 29 9am to 12pm

K - 6th grades
7th grade and older - Junior Counselor

Adult Volunteers needed



Coffee
Conversations
Community

in the Parish Center Hall

**After
9:30 AM
&
11:30 AM
Masses**

You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses in the Parish Center Hall**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes conversing with others, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family.

All are welcome! Join us for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.

Parish Social Ministry

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. We can also refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. We are happy to assist people of all faiths. The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs: Deodorant, Fruit Juice, Canned Chicken, Noodles, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Toothpaste**



May Crowning

The Rosary Altar Society is having the May crowning on May 8th, Mother's Day at the 9:30 am mass. All children are invited to participate especially the children who receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7th.

The Bassinet in the sanctuary is for Mothers Day baby shower and baby clothes donated will be given to the Birthright.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a trip to the **Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on November 10, 2022** to see their production of the story of King David. The one day trip, offered at a price of \$200 per person includes, the trip, tip for driver, lunch and the play. Hampton Jitney will be picking us up at the parking lot of Assumption Church.

Please contact Rose Picariello at 631-676-2855 (H), 631-278-0073 or email: rpicariello7@yahoo.com. \$100 deposit needed no later than May 25, 2022 to secure our reservations. All final details will be given at a later date.



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect.net/NY563 or download the **Faith Direct app** and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



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20 Catholic Ministries Appeal
22 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
 - Pope Francis*

One Family in Mission – Building a Community of
FAITH HOPE & LOVE

Every year Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church on Long island to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood. Our Parish goal this year is \$56,400. We have surpassed our goal last year (54,200) and got back more than \$13,000 as rebate to use it in our parish. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible! **Thank you for your support.**

Sunday, May 01, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Crown thy good with brotherhood

Some of us are born into an abundance of siblings in our families, and some not. But all of us are gifted with sisters and brothers in the church. Today on Religious Brothers Day, we're reminded how "The vocation of the brother is part of the answer that God gives to the absence of brotherhood which is wounding the world today" (*Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church*). If you feel stirred to be a special kind of brother to those in need, consider casting your net in the direction of this unique vocation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 (48). "*Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.*"

Monday, May 02, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Stand and be counted

Called "Father of Orthodoxy," "Pillar of the Church," and "Champion of Christ's Divinity," Saint Athanasius the Great was an extraordinary early Christian leader. He was the bishop of Alexandria and best known for fighting the heresy of Arianism, which argued that Jesus was begotten by, but not co-eternal with, God the Father. He suffered for his efforts though, making lots of enemies and spending 17 years in exile. Historian Cornelius Clifford said of him: "His career almost personifies a crisis in the history of Christianity." You may not earn the honorific the "Great," but can you stand up for the truth even if it costs you something?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). "*This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.*"

Tuesday, May 03, 2022

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Team up

Saint James the Lesser gets paired with various religious figures. He shares today's feast with Philip because their martyred bodies arrived together for burial. He shares his first name with Saint James the Greater, one of the first disciples to follow Jesus and the first apostle martyred. But James the Lesser—named for being younger than the elder James—is best known for being partnered with Jesus. Called the "brother of the Lord" though actually a cousin, legend says James looked so much like Jesus that even the Virgin Mary had trouble telling them apart. It is good to have a partner in faith to rely on.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561). "*He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles.*"

Wednesday, May 04, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Spread the good word

On this day in 1493, Pope Alexander VI issued his monumental papal bull *Inter caetera*, meant to resolve a dispute between the kings of Spain and Portugal concerning exploration and colonization of the Americas. The document helped spread the Catholic faith across the Americas but also led to brutal

colonialism and slavery in the same lands. As the church continues to live in the long shadow of this watershed document, its core wish still rings true: that "the Catholic faith and the Christian religion be exalted and be everywhere increased and spread."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). "*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*"

Thursday, May 05, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Viva our vibrant church

Today is Cinco de Mayo, a commemoration of a key Mexican military victory that, in the United States, has evolved into a general celebration of Mexican culture. Mexican Americans have made enormous contributions to the U.S. church, which is rapidly becoming majority-Hispanic. Take a moment today to learn about the V Encuentro, a broad-based effort to listen and respond to the wisdom and the needs of Latinos in the U.S. church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). "*I am the bread of life.*"

Friday, May 06, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Follow the way of healing

"Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christian faith," says Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his book *Jesus of Nazareth* (2007). "It can even be said that Christianity is a 'therapeutic religion, a religion of healing.'" Much of healing is beyond our control, whether it comes from divine grace or medical resources available to us. However, as disciples of Christ, we can be a healing presence to those who are sick and suffering by listening more than speaking and avoiding the temptation to have all the answers in situations that remain a mystery.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). "*Lay his hands on him, that he may regain his sight.*"

Saturday, May 07, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Welcome back

It was hard to be a Christian during the early persecutions of the church. Many neophytes quit the faith to avoid imprisonment, torture, and even death. But when the persecutions ended with the Edict of Milan in 313, the question arose of whether they should be allowed back into the church. From that controversy it became apparent that the church was not an elite body of the sanctified, but a mix of saints and sinners, like the field of wheat and weeds. For the church to truly embody Christ, it must be dedicated to forgiveness and an open-door policy. Who can you forgive today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). "*Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?'*"

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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